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TO: ALL COUNTY AND CITY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY
PREVENTION (CHDP) PROGRAM DEPUTY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF LETTER TO CALIFORNIA VACCINES FOR
CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM PROVIDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH SERVICES (DHS), IMMUNIZATION BRANCH

The purpose of this Information Notice is to inform you that letter, IZB-FY0506-11, dated January 19, 2006, has been sent by the Immunization Branch to all CHDP Providers in their capacity as VFC Providers. The subject of the letter (attached to this Notice) is "Implications of a New California Law on Influenza Vaccine Orders for the 2006-2007 Influenza Season."

As the letter states, "...effective July 1, 2006, it will be against California law (Health and Safety (H&S) Code Section 124172) to administer doses of inactivated influenza vaccine from a multi-dose vial to pregnant women or children younger than three years old because of the level of the mercury-containing preservative, thimerosal, contained in multi-dose vials. Effective July 1, 2006, only doses of influenza vaccine from single-dose syringes or vials with trace levels or no mercury may be given to these groups."

The legislation, AB2943, can be found, at www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/03-04/bill/asm/ab_2901-2950/ab_2943_bill_20040928_chaptered.html.

Please contact the CHDP Nurse Consultant in your Regional Office if you have questions.

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Attachment